

## PROCLAMATION **CANCER AWARENESS WEEK**JULY 24-28, 2006

WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, about 3,100 North Dakotans will be diagnosed with cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, about 22,000 North Dakotans are cancer survivors; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important to continue the fight against cancer and to reduce the risk of this disease among our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** on July 27, 2006, the North Dakota Cancer Coalition will unveil the state's cancer plan, which outlines strategies to help lessen the burden of cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** all North Dakotans are encouraged to take appropriate steps to protect themselves, including getting regular preventive cancer screenings and making healthy lifestyle choices.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim July 24-28, 2006, **CANCER AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State